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**PATENT** 

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Customer Number: 20277

Hiroyuki KITA, et al.

Confirmation Number: 8872

Application No.: 10/712,305

Group Art Unit: 2834

Filed: November 14, 2003

Examiner: BUDD, MARK OSBORNE

For: DRIVING METHOD OF PIEZOELECTRIC ACTUATOR, PIEZOELECTRIC ACTUATOR, AND DISK RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS USING THE SAME

## **AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 1, 2005, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire November 1, 2005, and the petition for a two-month extension of time up to and including January 1, 2006 (Holiday) being filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows: